By the King and Queen
A PROCLAMATION

Requiring all Seamen and Mariners to Render themſelves to Their Majeſties Service.

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WHereas divers Seamen and Mariners have lately left their uſual and ordinary Places of Abode, and have removed themſelves into ſome private and obſcure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid or eſcape from Our preſent Service: We therefore, by the Advice of Our Priby Council, have thought fit to Publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; And do hereby ſtrictly Charge and Command all Seamen and Mariners remaining in any County of England or Wales, and not Liſted in Our Service, That they forthwith Render themſelves unto the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy in London, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy at Chatham, or to the Commiſſioners of the Navy at Portſmouth, or to the Store keeper and Muſter-maſter for the Navy at Harwich for the time being, or to Henry Greenhill Agent for the Navy at Plymouth, or to Robert Henley at Briſtol, or to Samuel Atkinſon at Highlake and Leverpoole, or to the reſpective Collectors of the Cuſtoms for the ſeveral Ports and Places following, *Viz.* Ipſwich, Wells, Lynn, Boſton, Scarborough, Sunderland, Whitby, Southampton, Cowes, Poole, Weymouth, Lyme, Topſham, Dartmouth, Falmouth, Looe, Fowy, Truro, Pembroke, Newcaſtle, Hull, and Great Yarmouth, in order to their being Received into Pay and Sent on Board ſuch of Our Ships as ſhall be found moſt expedient for Our Service; And if any of them ſhall hereafter be found out or diſcovered to have neglected to Obey this Our Royal Command, they ſhall be Proceeded againſt With all Severity. And We do hereby Require all Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables and other Officers to whom it doth or may appertain, That they cauſe diligent Search to be made Within all and every their Precincts, for the ſaid Seamen and Mariners, and to Seize and Secure the Perſons of ſuch of them as ſhall be there found, and alſo all looſe and unknown Perſons Whatſoever, who may juſtly be ſuſpected to be Seamen or Watermen, and Cauſe them to be ſent to the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy in London, or to ſuch other of the Perſons and Places aforeſaid, to which they may moſt conveniently be ſent, in order to their being Employed in Our Service; And alſo ſend up to Our Priby Council a Liſt of the Names of all ſuch Seamen and Mariners as they ſhall procure for the Service aforeſaid, together With the Names of the reſpective Perſons to whom, and Places to which they ſhall ſend them. And the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners, and other Perſons aforeſaid, ſhall give Receipts in Writing for the ſeveral Seamen and Mariners delibered to them in purſuance hereof. And We do hereby ſtraitly Charge and Command, That no Perſon or Perſons Whatſoever, do preſume to Conceal, or to Further or Favour the Eſcape of any Seamen or Mariners, or looſe and unknown Perſons aforeſaid, upon Pain that all and ſingular Perſons offending herein, be forthwith Committed to Priſon by the next Juſtice of the Peace or other Magiſtrate, and Proſecuted with all Severity according to Law, as Perſons Conſpiring againſt Us and the Safety of Our Kingdom. And We are hereby pleaſed further to make known, That We have given effectual Orders to the reſpective Officers and Perſons herein above appointed, to Receive the ſaid Men, and for Paying forthwith to the Conductors the Impreſt and Conduct-Money Diſburſed upon this Service.

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God ſave King William and Queen Mary.

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